Advisory Committee for issuing passports

2312. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to have an Advisory Committee of public men including MPs to attend complaints regarding issuing of passports ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to set up Passport Advisory Committees at three levels ; (i) Central level in New Delhi (ii) Passport Office level and (iii) Indian Mission Post level. Each Passport issuing office will have one Passport Advisory Committee.

High-level panel to monitor activities of terrorist groups in Punjab and J/K

2313. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up any high-level panel to monitor the activities of terrorist groups functioning in Punjab and J&K;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the achievements of the panel so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, an inter-Ministerial Advisory Group has been constituted to assess the developing situation in certain troubled areas including Punjab and J&K on a regular basis to evolve ideas and suggestions regarding the Government's responses and line of action from time to time.

Violation of traffic guidelines

2314. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are clear guidelines on height of road dividers and footpaths for roads and if so, the reasons for violation of such guidelines in Delhi ; and

(b) whether Government are aware that on several roads like Ring Road and Outer Ring Road, traffic lights are being fixed within a few yards of each other causing serious confusion ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Road Congress has laid down clear guidelines regarding the height of road dividers and footpaths. These guidelines are being generally observed by the Road Construction Agencies in Delhi.

(b) Traffic lights at road intersections in Delhi, including Ring Road and Outer Ring Road, are being installed to avoid confusion and to ensure a regulated movement of vehicles.

Recommendations of the Committee on problems of extra departmental employees of postal service

2315. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted in the year, 1984 to go into various problems of Extra-Departmental staff of Postal Service had submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, what were the major recommendations of the said Committee;